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**Remarks by Councilmember Blair Ewing at Governor
Glendening's News Conference on the Inner Purple Line**

Langley Park, Maryland October 29, 2001

I'm delighted to be here today – speaking for myself for now and not for the Council – to support the Governor's decision to go forward on an Inner Purple Line.

Governor Glendening, I want you to know that Montgomery County says "thank you" for making the Inner Purple Line your choice.

We need action, not just talk, to give Montgomery County families more transportation options. We need the Inner Purple Line.

We need to support our investment of millions of dollars in state and local funding for Silver Spring redevelopment. We need the Inner Purple Line.

We need to support "Smart Growth" and revitalization of our older communities. We need the Inner Purple Line.

We need a project that gets more "bang" for the "buck" and that can seriously compete for scarce federal transportation dollars. We need the Inner Purple Line.

We need to connect Silver Spring with Bethesda, County families with the University of Maryland, and our communities of "New Americans" with greater economic opportunities. We need the Inner Purple Line.

It's important that we all be on the same page if we are going to get the federal funds we need -- and deserve – to address our transportation challenges. Congressman Al Wynn knows this – and he's ready to go.

Governor Glendening has made his choice. I believe it's the right choice.

I hope that the County Council will vote tomorrow to support the Inner Purple Line. By doing so we'll be saying "yes" to moving ahead and "no" to transportation – and political -- gridlock.

The train is leaving the station. Let's climb on board and, together, let's get something done.